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KC MAN GETS 2 LIFE SENTENCES FOR CRACK COCAINE VIOLATIONS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced to two mandatory life terms in federal prison without parole for possessing and distributing 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Lincoln Cardell Henderson, 27, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to two life terms in federal prison without parole, one for each of the two counts he was charged with in a superseding indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 27, 2004, in Kansas City. Federal law provides for substantial enhancements when a defendant has prior drug convictions. **Henderson** received the life sentences because of these enhancements.

On May 4, 2004, a federal jury convicted **Henderson** of conspiring to possess and distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine from Jan. 1, 2001, until July 1, 2003, in Jackson County, Mo. The federal jury also found **Henderson** guilty of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Oct. 29, 2003, in Jackson County.

Henderson was arrested on Oct. 29, 2003, by law enforcement officers who were trying to contact him regarding a probation violation warrant. At the time, officers believed **Henderson** was a passenger in a green Ford Explorer near an apartment complex at 24th and Askew streets in Kansas City. When officers attempted to approach the vehicle, the Ford Explorer fled, Graves said, and a brief car chase ensued. **Henderson** fled from the vehicle on foot, but was apprehended by a Kansas City, Mo., police sergeant in a nearby alley.

Upon detaining **Henderson**, officers recovered 53.77 grams of crack cocaine **Henderson** had thrown to the ground during the foot chase, Graves said.

Henderson was originally charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 20, 2003, in Kansas City. The original indictment was later replaced by a two-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 27, 2004, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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